

# Forever Wild Land Trust

## Tracts with Hunting Provisions

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The following information describes Forever Wild Tracts which have provisions that allow for public hunting. Several of these tracts are designated as Nature Preserves and Recreation Areas, but allow hunting as a recreational activity. Hunting is a secondary activity at these locations, which in some instances have no active management designed specifically to enhance hunting on these tracts. Nature Preserve and Recreational Area programs are managed by State Lands Division personnel, while hunting and fishing programs are managed by Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries personnel. Several tracts have been purchased as additions to State Parks. Consistent with State Parks regulations, hunting and trapping is not an allowed activity on these tracts.

Several tracts have been purchased with the intention of adding to or creating Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). These tracts are managed by Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division personnel to improve hunting related activities.

### Designated Wildlife Management Area Tracts acquired through the Forever Wild Program

- **Riggins Tract-** Lowndes County, 624 acres. Managed by the Game and Fish Division as part of the Lowndes WMA. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION. Part of the tract is restricted to Bow Hunting Only. Contact the Lowndes WMA Office for additional details on regulations, seasons, and limits, and regarding trapping (334) 874-4471.

**Location:** T16N, R15E, Sections 19 and 30

Lowndesboro Quad

- **Clearwater, Delta, Bayou Canot, Salco, Middle River East & West, and Mobile-Tensaw Delta-McMillan 1, 2 & 3 Tracts** - Baldwin and Mobile Counties, 40,915 acres. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The Hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, and have been included within the Upper Delta and W.L. Holland WMA since the 1999-2000 hunting season. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THESE LOCATION. Contact the Spanish Fort Office for additional details on regulations, seasons, and limits, and regarding trapping (334) 626-5474.

**Location:** Contact the Spanish Fort Office for specific descriptions.

## The Basin, Stiggins Lake, Bilbo Island Quads

- **The Lauderdale and Freedom Hills WMA Tract Additions** - in Northwest Alabama. This 31,414 acre acquisition provides for 21 tracts that serve as public land additions to two Wildlife Management Areas which have been experiencing recent declines in acreage due to loss of leased land: 8 tracts totaling about 5,114 acres in Lauderdale County and 13 tracts totaling about 26,300 acres in Colbert County. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits annually established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION. For additional details on regulations, seasons, and limits contact (256)-359-6208 for Freedom Hills and (256)-760-8670 for Lauderdale.

**Location:** Multiple locations South and North of the Tennessee River.  
The Pickwick, Waterloo, Wright, Magerum,  
Cherokee, Bishop, Barton, Pleasant Site,  
Pleasant Grove, and Yellow Creek Quads

## Nature Preserves and Recreation Areas

- **Grand Bay Savannah Tract**- Mobile County, 2,734 acres. Managed by the State Lands Division as a Nature Preserve for unique plant and animal communities. Upland and wetland areas support small populations of game species, while riparian portions along Portersville and Grand Bays support some wintering waterfowl. Available as Open Permit Public Land, hunters must have valid hunting license and follow regulations, seasons and limits for Mobile County.

**Restrictions:** No hunting within 300 yards of residences on the south end of Marine Lab Road, adjacent to the old Marine Lab at Point of Pines. Off-road vehicle operation (4-wheelers, cars, trucks, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, or other motorized ATV's) is not permitted. Overland foot travel only.

**Location:** T7S, R3W, and parts of Sections 19, 20, 28, 29, 30 Grand Bay Quad

- **Coon Creek Tract**- Tallapoosa County, 320 acres. Managed as a Recreation Area by the State Lands Division, with a public boat launch on Yates Reservoir. Upland areas support small populations of game species, while riparian portions along Coon Creek Cove support some wintering waterfowl. Available as Open Permit Public Land, hunters must have valid hunting license and follow regulations, seasons and limits for Tallapoosa County.

**Restrictions:** Primitive weapons only for deer hunting. Off-road vehicle operation (4-wheelers, cars, trucks, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, or other motorized ATV's) is not permitted. Overland foot travel only.

**Location:** T19N, R22E, in Sections 28 and 29

Tallassee Quad

- **Indian Mountain-** Cherokee County, 514 acres. Managed as a Recreation Area by the State Lands Division, primarily to facilitate long-distance hiking along the Pinhoti Trail. Available as Open Permit Public Land, hunters must have valid hunting license and follow regulations, seasons and limits for Cherokee County.

**Restrictions:** No hunting along trail. Off-road vehicle operation (4-wheelers, cars, trucks, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, or other motorized ATV's) is not permitted. Overland foot travel only.

**Location:** T11S, R11E, in Section 36  
T11S, R12E, in Section 31  
T12S, R11E, in Section 1

Indian Mountain Quad

- **Pike County Pocosin Tract-** Pike County, 190 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve by the State Lands Division for unique plant communities. Upland areas support small populations of game species. Opened the Fall of 2001 as Open Permit Public Land, hunters must have valid hunting license and follow regulations, seasons and limits for Pike County.

**Restrictions:** Stalk hunting only, no dog hunting. Off-road vehicle operation (4-wheelers, cars, trucks, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, or other motorized ATV's) is not permitted. Overland foot travel only.

**Location:** T9N, R21E, in Section 1  
T9N, R22E, in Section 6

Troy Quad

- **Sipsey Sullivan, Sipsey Randolph, and Sipsey Robertson Tracts-** Tuscaloosa County, 3431 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve and Recreation Area by the State Lands Division for unique riverine animals and wetlands. The tract is largely a bottomland hardwood forest adjacent to the Sipsey River. The forest, swamps and river support populations of various game species, and some waterfowl. Opened the Fall of 2001 as Open Permit Public Land, hunters must have valid hunting license and follow regulations, seasons and limits for Tuscaloosa County, as well as area guidance regarding seasons, limits and arms.

**Restrictions:** All terrain vehicle operation (4-wheelers, 3-wheelers, or other motorized ATV's) is permitted only during designated hunting seasons scheduled for October through April, and only in association with a hunting activity. All such vehicles must remain on designated woods roads.

**Location:** T21S, R12W, in Sections 3, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 28, 29, and 31  
T22S, R03E, Sections 5 and 6 Romulus Quad

- **Blowing Spring Cave-** Lauderdale County 60 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve by the State Lands Division for a unique bat cave. The tract is largely a bottomland hardwood forest adjacent to First Creek. The forest and river support populations of various game species. Opened the Fall of 2001 as Open Permit Public Land, hunters must have valid hunting license and follow regulations, seasons and limits for Tuscaloosa County, as well as area guidance regarding seasons and limits.

**Restrictions:** Small game hunting only, with bow/arrow and black powder. Off-road vehicle operation (4-wheelers, cars, trucks, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, or other motorized ATV's) is not permitted. Overland foot travel only. **Given the proximity of residences, public trapping is prohibited.**

**Location:** T02 R07W, in Section 19 Lexington Quad

Below is the  
State of Alabama  
Montgomery County  
Regulation 2003-WFF-18  
(Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries)

Filed on July 18, 2003

STATE OF ALABAMA                    )  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY                )

**REGULATION 2003-WFF-18**  
(Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries)

By authority vested in me as Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama as provided for by the Code of Alabama 1975, §§ 9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12, 9-11-235, and 9-11-240, I do hereby establish, proclaim and promulgate the following regulation which has the force and effect of law:

Section 1. Rule 220-2-.125, entitled "Special 2002-2003 Hunting Seasons for Sipsey River Swamp Tract (Forever Wild Lands), Tuscaloosa County," is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"220-2-.125 Special ~~2002-2003~~ 2003-2004 Hunting Seasons for Sipsey River Swamp Tract (Forever Wild Lands), Tuscaloosa County**

(1) The following special ~~2002-2003~~ 2003-2004 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established:

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled "~~2002-2003~~ 2003-2004 Hunting Seasons," as they apply to that portion of Tuscaloosa County known as the Sipsey River Swamp Tract (Forever Wild Lands), and as they apply to "Open Permit-Public Land" in that portion of Tuscaloosa County, shall apply to hunting on the Sipsey River Swamp Tract (Forever Wild Lands), except as otherwise provided herein:

1. No centerfire rifles or buckshot shall be allowed for any type of hunting;
2. No dogs shall be permitted for hunting deer, coyote, and feral swine (wild hogs);
3. Special muzzleloader season for Deer: By muzzleloader only – Stalk hunting only (no dogs) – open sights only (no scopes). During the special muzzleloader deer season, two (2) deer per day only one of which may be an antlered buck (excepted spotted fawns), is permitted November 19 to November 21 and January 9 8 to January 25 24. This special muzzleloader deer season shall supercede that muzzleloader season provided otherwise for Tuscaloosa County in Rule 220-2-.01(1)(a)3.
4. Hunting of feral swine (wild hogs) shall be limited to October 1 through April 30 (no bag limit).
5. ~~Rule 220-2-.125, as previously promulgated in 2001-WFF-17, is hereby expressly repealed."~~

Section 2. The penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this regulation shall be as provided by law.

Section 3. This regulation shall become effective immediately upon execution by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of my office to be affixed in the City of Montgomery on this the 17th day of July, 2003.

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M. Barnett Lawley, Commissioner

Department of Conservation  
and Natural Resources

[NOTE: The effective date of this regulation is 7-17-03].